

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL AND UTILITY SERVICE BOARD OF THE
CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
DECEMBER 11, 2012**

A joint special meeting of the Common Council and Utility Service Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the joint Common Council and Utility Service Board meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

COMMON COUNCIL ROLL CALL:

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Absent
David Prectel	Absent
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Absent
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Four of the seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

UTILITY SERVICE BOARD ROLL CALL:

Secretary Mike Harder called the roll

Wayne Schuetter – Chairman	Present
Rick Stradtner – Vice Chairman	Present
Mike Harder – Secretary	Present
Doug Schulte – Water Commissioner	Present
Alex Emmons – Wastewater Commissioner	Present
Greg A. Krodel – Gas Commissioner	Present
Ken Sendelweck – Electric Commissioner	Present

Pledge. Mayor Seitz then invited those in attendance to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Purpose. Chairman Wayne Schuetter said the purpose of the special meeting was to approve reapplying for the EDA grant for the 3rd Avenue Water Improvement project.

Schuetter then asked Lisa Gehlhausen, Executive Director for Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, to explain what action the Boards need to take.

Gehlhausen reminded the Boards that a grant application was submitted to EDA on September 12, 2012 for the amount of \$798,000. On October 19th the Mayor received a letter stating that the region we were seeking funds for was only 80.78% distressed. It needed to be less than 80%, so the EDA denied that grant application.

These grant applications are accepted by the EDA quarterly. Gehlhausen said she received an email from EDA last Thursday that they would recommend resubmitting the grant application from a non-distressed area within an economic development district. Indiana 15 is an economic development district and the 6 counties they serve are recognized as such by the EDA. Dubois County is a non-distressed county even though we serve distressed counties by all of the people who commute to this area who are unemployed or under-employed. That is the premise that will be used when submitting the new grant application.

The new application, which is due Thursday, December 13th, will be seeking \$740,450. This grant amount has to be matched 50%/50% by the City. So the City will be contributing \$740,450, plus the \$116,000 engineering fees for the project. Engineering fees are not an eligible cost. She said each Board will need to entertain a resolution to commit the local matching funds for this 50%/50% grant application to the EDA. Gehlhausen thinks the City should be notified within 30 days if the grant application makes it to the next step.

The Civil City would be contributing \$168,132 to pay for the Street Department's portion of the project. This would make the Utilities' responsible for \$688,318 of the project funds.

Gehlhausen recapped all of the numbers on the project. The total cost of the project is \$1,596,900. The engineering costs of \$116,000 must be subtracted as they are not an eligible cost for the grant. This leaves \$1,480,900 as total allowable costs. If the grant application is approved, EDA would participate with half of the cost, which would be the \$740,450. So the total City cost would be the \$740,450, plus the \$116,000 or \$856,450. The Civil City would be paying \$168,132 of the \$856,450 for the street paving part of the project, which would leave \$688,318 to be paid by the Utilities.

Utility Service Board Chairman Wayne Schuetter then asked for a motion to pass and adopt Resolution No. USB 2012-18, RESOLUTION OF THE UTILITY SERVICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA REGARDING A COMMITMENT OF UTILITY FUNDS TO THE THIRD AVENUE WATER PROJECT.

This resolution authorizes the submittal of a grant application to EDA for the 3rd Avenue water improvement project and to commit local funds. It also repeals Resolution No. USB 2012-15.

Thereafter a motion was made by Doug Schulte and seconded by Alex Emmons to pass and adopt Resolution No. USB 2012-18. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Seitz said the Council needs to consider Resolution No. 2012-19 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS.

This resolution authorizes the submittal of a grant application to EDA for the 3rd Avenue water improvement project and to commit local funds. It also repeals Resolution No. 2012-9.

A **motion** was made by Council member Raymond Howard and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 4-0. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to have the resolution read by title only. Motion carried 4-0. City Attorney Renee Kabrick so read the resolution. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2012-19. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment by Council. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4-0 and the council's portion of the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Adjournment by Utility Service Board. There being no further business to come before the Utility Service Board, a motion was made by Alex Emmons and seconded by Rick Stradtner to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 1:20p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved by the Common Council ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 23rd day of January, 2013.

Attest:

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

The minutes were hereby approved by the Utility Service Board _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 21 day of January, 2013.

Attest:

Wayne Schuetter, Chairman

Doug Schulte, Secretary